

generating a unique message pointer associated with said specific message stored on said message server and sending said message pointer to a subscriber, wherein said message pointer enables direct access to said stored message through a network.

16. (New) The method according to claim 15 further comprising sending a message identifier to the subscriber.

17. (New) The method according to claim 16, wherein said message pointer is a telephone number associated with said specific message on said message server and said message identifier is information relating to a source of said stored message.

18. (New) A method of retrieving a specific stored message comprising:

receiving a pointer to said specific stored message and using said pointer to gain direct access to said stored message server through a network.

19. (New) The method according to claim 18 further comprising:

receiving a message identifier.

20. (New) The method according to claim 19, wherein said message pointer is a telephone number associated with said specific message on said message server and said message identifier is information relating to a source of said stored message.